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EDUCATION

M.A. Sociology | Spring 2025

Washington State University

“The Effects of Unfair Police Encounters on the Mental Health of Black Adolescents”

Chair: Jennifer Schwartz

B.A. Sociology and Psychology | Spring 2020

Wake Forest University | *Cum Laude*

WORK EXPERIENCE

August 2022-present

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT, WASHINGTON STATE
UNIVERSITY

- Served as a teaching assistant for both online and in-person classes in the Department of Sociology
- Led class discussions, designed assignments, graded papers, exams, and discussion board posts, gave detailed feedback to students,
- Introduction to Sociology, Sociology of Sport, Sociology of Gender, Sociological Theory

May-August 2019

INTERN, PROJECT RE-ENTRY

- Interned at a local organization dedicated to improving the reintegration of former offenders, reducing criminal justice costs, and increasing public safety in the Northwest North Carolina area.
- Contacted over 200 apartment complexes to enquire about housing policies for former offenders.
- Compiled and organized a list of apartments and their policies relating to applicants with criminal records.
- Researched trends in the re-entry process for former criminal offenders.
- Assisted in an in-prison training course to aid former offenders with post-prison job searches.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

May-August 2023

RESEARCH ASSISTANT, WHATCOM COUNTY PROJECT

- Assisted Dr. Jennifer Schwartz.
- Researched best practices for reducing caseload backlogs in rural areas.
- Retrieved and analyzed data on superior court, district court, and municipal court proceedings.
- Created tables and charts to communicate research findings.
- Attended meetings of local criminal justice group.

January-May 2020

RESEARCH ASSISTANT, SOCIOLOGY

- Assisted Dr. Hana Brown.
- Researched the history of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).
- Studied and summarized precedents set by court cases related to ICWA.
- This research contributed to the paper, “Who Is an Indian Child? Institutional Context, Tribal Sovereignty, and Race-Making in Fragmented States,” American Sociological Review 85(5): 776–805.

January-May 2020

RESEARCH ASSISTANT, PSYCHOLOGY

- Assisted Dr. Janine Jennings
- Research focused on the effects of media multitasking on attention.
- Reviewed past literature on media multi-tasking and attention.
- Led subjects through experiment based on outlined procedure.

SERVICE

August 2022-present

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE, SGSO

- Served as SGSO Representative for three different committees.
- Attended meetings for Undergraduate Studies, Faculty Meetings, and Meetings with the Chair.
- Communicated relevant details from committee meetings to fellow graduate students.

AWARDS

Summer 2023

FOUNDRY10 BRIDGE FELLOWSHIP
